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## HUNS TRY IN VAIN TO STEM ADVANCE

Tremendous Sacrifices of German Arms and Men Mark Allied Onslaught.

### TWENTY DIVISIONS IN TRAP

Enemy's Position in Alsace-Marne Salient Becomes More Precarious Daily.

(International News Service.) Paris, July 26.—Vainly and at the cost of tremendous sacrifices the Germans are trying to stem the allied advance on the 55-mile front between the Alsace, the Marne and Rheims.

So violent was the cannonading in the latest burst of fighting north of the Marne that the throbbing gun fire was plainly audible in this city more than fifty miles away.

It is believed that Ludendorff still has about twenty German divisions north of the Marne, (240,000 men), not counting the troops trying to stem the French, American, British and Italian advance between the Alsace and the Ourcq and southwest of Rheims.

The position of the Germans in the Alsace-Marne salient becomes more precarious daily. By driving in farther, the base wedge until it is now only about twenty miles across.

Oulchy-la-Villiers, a mile northwest of Oulchy-le-Chateau, has been taken from the Germans.

To the south of this region the French and Americans have captured hill No. 111 in the Armentieres sector and have forced a crossing of Nanteuil creek.

The village of Coligny and the greater part of Tournelle wood are in the hands of the Franco-American forces. Tournelle wood is only about three miles from the German supply center at Fere-en-Tardenois which is being kept under direct and heavy artillery fire.

Northeast of Chateau-Thierry the allies have continued their steady progress, pushing through La-Fere forest to Beauverdes.

In Rix forest and north of Dormans the allies' lines have been extended, although the Germans offered strong rear guard resistance.

Savage fighting has been in progress for three days southwest of Rheims, on both sides of the Aisne river, where the Germans have been delivering persistent counter attacks in an effort to prevent the "bottle neck" at the base of the salient from being made any narrower.

British troops have made splendid gains in that sector, particularly in the region of Vignay, where they have been debouching in the direction of the Rheims-Flamers railway. A general westward advance in that zone would imperil the whole German army of probably 500,000 men lying between the Alsace and Marne rivers.

Even fiercer resistance by the Germans is expected, but the outcome is awaited with confidence.

Oulchy-la-Ville was an important bastion on the German line and its capture marks another step in the encircling movement against the German pivotal position at Fere-en-Tardenois.

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(Adv.)

## WAR REVIEW TERSELY GIVEN BY THE TWO LEADING NEWS SERVICES

(International News Service.)

The great German pivotal position at Oulchy-le-Chateau—the chief bastion defending the German center between the Alsace and Marne rivers—is now in the hands of the allies and the Franco-American forces are pushing on eastward to the German supply base at Fere-en-Tardenois.

Farther north, Ville-Montoire, which the Germans claimed to have recaptured from the French and Americans Wednesday, was retaken by the allies late Thursday in a brilliant storm attack.

Both Oulchy-le-Chateau and Ville-Montoire lie directly south of the German base at Soissons and their capture shows that Gen. Foch is once again increasing his pressure against the German front between the Ourcq and the Aisne. By extending their lines in the Ville-Montoire and Oulchy-le-Chateau sectors the allies have further increased their double encircling movement against Soissons on the south and Fere-en-Tardenois on the northwest.

At one point the Franco-American troops are now only a fraction over three miles from Fere-en-Tardenois. Oulchy-le-Chateau lies eleven and a half miles south of Soissons and ten miles north of Chateau-Thierry. Ville-Montoire is five and a half miles south of Soissons and between five and six miles from Fere-en-Tardenois.

While the allies' most important gains from a military standpoint, have been made north of the Ourcq in the recent fighting, the largest captures have taken place northeast of Chateau-Thierry.

Practically all along the whole western flank of the Alsace-Marne salient the Franco-American forces are now standing east of the important Soissons-Chateau-Thierry road. This gives them an immense advantage in shifting troops and supplies up and down their front.

On the eastern flank of the wedge the allies have made further advances southwest of Rheims, but have had to overcome savage resistance.

Following their success at Vignay (five miles from Rheims) the British and the allied forces fighting with them, pressed on to hill No. 204, where they encountered overwhelming numbers of Germans.

The hill is about two and a half miles southwest of Vignay and nine and a half miles from Flamers, the great railway junction held by the Germans on the Vesle river.

There have been no overnight developments to bear out the rumor current in London that the British lunged forward south of the Rheims-Flamers railway, menacing the German armies between the Alsace and Marne rivers with capture. However, the British have done splendid work in that sector and have advanced against powerful rear guard resistance.

This was the ninth day of the counter offensive on the Alsace-Marne-Champagne front and it is interesting to note the varying gains made along the 55-mile front.

The maximum advance, which is approximately fourteen miles, was made northeast of Chateau-Thierry, where the Germans were thrown back from the west of Dammar to the sector of Beauverdes.

South of Soissons the allies have pushed their lines forward from six to eight miles from the Laverne-Cutry zone to the district of Courmelles.

East of Chateau-Thierry, where the Germans were thrown across the Marne, the allied gain reaches from four to six miles.

West and southwest of Rheims the allies are from two to five miles west of their old line and have narrowed the base of the German salient to about twenty to twenty-one miles.

(Associated Press.)

Ville-Montoire, a little more than five miles south of Soissons, has been taken by the French and Americans, who farther south they have captured Oulchy-le-Chateau and swept on to the eastward of the town.

Between the Ourcq and the Marne the Americans are pressing hard against the enemy's lines and have taken the southern half of La Fere forest, which brings them up to about four miles directly south of the vital town of Fere-en-Tardenois, the center of the roads leading back out of the Marne salient and through which the German forces along the southwestern sectors of the line must retreat. Rix forest, further southeast toward the Marne, is also being emptied of the Germans.

The capture of Ville-Montoire and Oulchy-le-Chateau seems to show that Gen. Mangin, while keeping up his pressure all along the German lines, is able to concentrate large forces at vital points, the loss of which is menacing to the Germans.

Ville-Montoire is on the Soissons-Chateau-Thierry road. It is southwest of the town of Buzancy, which has been reported unofficially to have been taken by the allies. Its capture marks a new step in the process of closing the mouth of the bag in which the Germans are struggling.

The fall of Oulchy-le-Chateau takes from the Germans the pivot point on which their retirement farther south has been swinging. Its loss to the enemy, who defended it sternly, is a serious blow.

The French official statement says that the allies have advanced eastward of this town, which should bring them to the vicinity of hill 150, which is the dominating height in that region and which would give the allies an observation point over long reaches of the Ourcq, as well as both banks of that stream.

There is nothing known as to British progress on the line from Gueux and Mery-Premecy, west of Rheims. The reported rapid advance of the British there, however, would seem to suggest that there was plenty of power behind their thrust and that their progress should continue.

On the whole, the German retirement from the Marne salient appears to be continuing. This retirement is to be continuing on the western side of the salient, but to the southwest of Rheims, toward the Marne, nothing has been reported as to an enemy withdrawal.

German attacks near Meteren in the Lys sector and near Hebuterne, north of Albert, in both of which localities the British have recently advanced, their lines, are reported from London. Both enemy onslaughts were repulsed.

It is announced officially from London that Japan has agreed to assist the American proposal to assist the Czechoslovak armies in Siberia.

Relentlessly the allies are pressing back the armies of the German crown prince within the pocket between Soissons and Rheims. Allied capitals are not surprised if the situation changed suddenly and most favorable for Gen. Foch.

Caught as within a vise the Germans are struggling at the height of their strength to stay the steady pressure, but apparently to no avail. The French and Americans are advancing in a northeasterly direction from the Marne, Thierry and north French push forward toward Flamers and the Vesle. From east to west at the height of the pocket is but twenty-one miles, the enemy has been forced back some sixteen miles since Gen. Foch launched his counter offensive. The German lines of communication are almost gone and the allies are striking with force and moving rapidly toward the two most important bases within the salient, Fere-en-Tardenois and Flamers. Allied guns now command every point in the pocket.

With the capture of Oulchy-la-Ville on the west and an advance of more than a mile on the southwest, Fere-en-Tardenois is now within three and one-half miles of the allied line in the Tournelle wood, where the French continue to progress. Allied pressure maintains its forward movement markedly between the Ourcq and the Marne and the latest gain has averaged more than a mile on the entire front from the Ourcq to Dormans. The Forests of Fere and Rix are being cleared of the stubbornly resisting enemy, who is taking advantage of every natural obstacle in attempting to hold back the allies.

Heavily reinforced the Germans are striking back with great vigor all along this front as well as on the eastern side of the pocket. They have not been able to hold the allies from advancing although their resistance has stiffened constantly.

British and French troops are unofficially reported to have made an advance of two miles toward Flamers in the region of Vignay and have reached the markers of the eastern side. The gain here not only narrows the pocket but also places in great jeopardy the German forces who are north of the Marne in the forests west and north of Chateau-Thierry.

Military observers on the battlefield believe that the crown prince before he begins a general retreat with the possibility of losing a large part of his forces now south of the Vesle, will endeavor to halt the allies by launching a strong attack on a more or less wide front in the region of Soissons. Here, however, Gen. Foch is protected somewhat by the river Aisne and he also holds the high ground southwest of Soissons.

Seventy German divisions are reported to have taken part in the fighting already and the enemy losses are estimated at 200,000. More than 25,000 prisoners have been taken by the allies as well as 500 guns and thousands of machine guns.

Berlin reports that all allied efforts were frustrated Wednesday. Its brief report on Thursday's fighting declares there were "vigorous local actions" between Soissons and Rheims.

From Soissons to the north sea there has been little activity except for successful raids by the British near Albert and elsewhere. Only the artillery has been active on the other sectors in France and Italy.

The Russian front government is facing an acute situation. Premier Lenin is reported to have announced. The Czechoslovak troops continue to advance along the Volga and have captured Simbirsk, 600 miles east of Moscow.

## BRITISH SOLDIERS WILD WITH JOY

Because of Permission to Take Part in Battle Southwest of Rheims.

Paris, Thursday, July 25.—A special correspondent with the British army describes the joy displayed by the British soldiers on learning that they were to participate in the battle to the southwest of Rheims, where he says "the splendid exploits of our poilus had already gained their brotherly admiration and friendly envy."

"Consequently," continued the correspondent, "the British troops attacked on July 20 with extraordinary daring and keenness, advancing their line very considerably in Courton wood at Marfaux and in the direction of the forest of Rheims."

"The British had to sustain extremely heavy fighting for the enemy had certainly got wind of the attack in this sector and had consequently brought up the elite of his reserves with orders to hold the positions at all costs. The morale of the British soldiers was magnificent."

## CUBAN REGIMENT TO BE SENT TO FRANCE

Provision Also Made to Send Military Commissions to Allied Countries.

Havana, July 26.—Cuba will send at least one regiment of regulars to France as well as all the volunteers who offer themselves for service in Europe, according to the military service bill adopted by the house of representatives last night. The bill will come up in the senate today. Provision also is made for the sending of a military mission to the United States, France, England and Italy.

Formation of a Cuban aviation corps, which will be trained in the United States, is provided for in a decree signed by President Menocal. The government has several hundred applications from civilians desiring to enter the aviation corps for service in Europe.

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